

Amendment and Response

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 11.

Please add claims 19-24.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 12, and 14 as follows:

1.(Currently Amended) A server system comprising:
a plurality of printed circuit assemblies;
a server management card coupled to the plurality of printed circuit assemblies for monitoring and managing operation of the server system, the server management card receiving and storing status information from the plurality of printed circuit assemblies; and
a first LCD panel mounted on the server system and coupled to the server management card, the first LCD panel providing a user interface for configuring the server management card and accessing ~~and manipulating~~ the stored status information from the server management card, the first LCD panel including a user selectable lockout mechanism for controlling access to the server management card.

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2.(Original) The server system of claim 1, wherein the first LCD panel includes an LCD display, and a plurality of alphanumeric keys for entering alphanumeric information.

3.(Original) The server system of claim 2, wherein the first LCD panel further includes a plurality of navigation keys for navigating through menus displayed on the LCD display.

4.(Original) The server system of claim 1, wherein the server management card includes a set of user interfaces in addition to the first LCD panel for configuring the server management card and accessing the stored status information from the server management card.

5.(Original) The server system of claim 4, wherein the set of user interfaces to the server management card includes at least one of a second LCD panel, a serial interface, and a LAN interface.

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6.(Currently Amended) The server system of claim 4, wherein the ~~first LCD panel includes lockout mechanism comprises~~ a lockout key for arbitrating control of the server management card between the first LCD panel and the set of user interfaces.

7.(Currently Amended) The server system of claim 6, wherein the ~~lockout key first LCD panel includes an associated LED associated with the lockout key~~ for indicating a lockout status.

8.(Original) The server system of claim 1, wherein the first LCD panel is mounted on a front panel of the server system, the server system further comprising a second LCD panel substantially similar to the first LCD panel mounted on a back panel of the server system.

C2 9.(Currently Amended) A method of communicating with a computer system to configure the computer system and obtain status information from cards fitted in the computer system, the method comprising:

providing a management card in the computer system;

transmitting status information from the cards fitted in the computer system to the management card;

providing a ~~first and second~~ LCD panels mounted on the computer system and coupled to the management card;

transmitting the status information from the management card to the ~~first and the second~~ LCD panels; and

displaying the received status information on an LCD display of the first LCD panel ~~and on an LCD display of the second LCD panel~~;

~~entering configuration information on a keypad of the first LCD panel;~~

~~transmitting the configuration information from the first LCD panel to the management card; and~~

~~storing the configuration information on the management card.~~

10.(Original) The method of claim 9, and further comprising:

providing a set of user interfaces to the management card including at least one serial

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port interface and at least one LAN interface.

11.(Cancelled)

12.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 or claim 11, and further comprising:

~~pressing providing~~ a lockout key on the keypad of the first LCD panel, thereby for gaining control of the management card and locking out control of the management card through one of the interfaces in the set of user interfaces.

13.(Original) The method of claim 12, and further comprising:

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providing a lockout status indication on the first LCD panel to indicate a lockout status.

14.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, and further comprising:

navigating through a menu displayed on the LCD display of the first LCD panel using navigation keys on the first LCD panel.

15.(Cancelled)

16.(Cancelled)

17.(Cancelled)

18.(Cancelled)

19.(New) The method of claim 9, and further comprising:

entering configuration information on a keypad of the first LCD panel;
transmitting the configuration information from the first LCD panel to the
management card; and
storing the configuration information on the management card.

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20.(New) The method of claim 12, and further comprising:

providing a lockout key on the second LCD panel for gaining control of the management card and locking out control of the management card through one of the interfaces in the set of user interfaces.

21.(New) The method of claim 20, and further comprising:

providing a lockout status indication on the second LCD panel to indicate a lockout status.

22.(New) A server system comprising:

a plurality of printed circuit assemblies;

a chassis for housing the plurality of printed circuit assemblies;

a server management card coupled to the plurality of printed circuit assemblies for monitoring and managing operation of the server system, the server management card receiving and storing status information from the plurality of printed circuit assemblies;

a first LCD panel mounted on a first side of the chassis and coupled to the server management card; and

a second LCD panel mounted on a second side of the chassis and coupled to the server management card.

23.(New) The server system of claim 22, wherein the first and the second LCD panels each provide a user interface for configuring the server management card and accessing the stored status information from the server management card.

24.(New) The server system of claim 22, wherein at least one of the first and the second LCD panels includes a user selectable lockout mechanism for gaining and releasing control of the server management card.